



THE

Ohio Early Childhood

conference

April  24 - 26

SANDUSKY, OH | KALAHARI RESORT



Conference Preview

www.oeaeyc.org/conference

make
it happen

***Earn Ohio
Approved
Credit!***

Featuring 100+ Sessions!

Plus Dedicated Tracks Including

Play

Music & Movement

Leadership Development

Challenging Behaviors

Conscious Discipline

and more!



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Thank You To The Following For Their
Sponsorship + Support Of Early Childhood
Educators!

For real...The conference wouldn't be
possible without their support!

Partner Level



Platinum Level



Gold Level



Department of
Children & Youth

Help Me Grow

Silver Level



Who Should Attend?

! If your work impacts the lives of children ages 0-8, you don't want to miss this opportunity!

Join thousands of fellow educators from across the great state of Ohio, the country, and even as far away as Europe and Africa for strategies, support, and solutions!

- Center Directors
- Teachers/Assistant Teachers
- State Agency Staff
- Family Care Providers
- School Principals
- Early Intervention Specialists
- College Faculty/Students
- Social Workers
- R+R Staff



The Ohio Early Childhood Conference will benefit you and your organization by:

- Earning your professional development and Ohio Approved Credit hours
- Increasing your productivity and effectiveness
- Motivating you to set goals that achieve positive results
- Getting up-to-date on the latest trends and developments in the field
- Brainstorming opportunities to generate better solutions and decisions
- Boosting your confidence, recognition, and visibility
- Improving your job satisfaction and employee retention
- Connecting with a statewide network of like-minded professionals
- Learning from world-class, knowledgeable, and motivating subject matter experts

Dream
Big



Break free from the silos of your day-to-day routine and engage with educators, leaders, and experts from diverse backgrounds.

Discover fresh perspectives, innovative strategies, and new opportunities to enhance your practice—all while having fun in a supportive, energizing atmosphere!



**150
Sessions
+
50 Topic
Areas**

**Up to 21+
Hours of
Credit**

Ohio Approved +
DODD credit

**Learn,
Laugh,
Connect,
Be Inspired!**

**Every
6th
Registration
is
FREE!**



Keynote Speakers

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Dr. Becky Bailey

Creator of Conscious Discipline

Thursday, April 24, 10:45AM

Burn Bright, Not Out: The Art of Resilient Living



**Conscious
Discipline**



Gerry Brooks

Social Media Influencer and Culture Expert

Friday, April 25, 10:45AM

**Plays Well with Others:
How to Connect with Your Colleagues,
Families, and Children**



Ant Toombs

Play and Social-Emotional Expert

Saturday, April 26, 10:45AM

The Healing Power of Play and Optimism



Leadership Retreat

**An empowering experience for
experienced and emerging leaders**



Featuring Leadership Expert
Susan MacDonald

Ticketed Add-On Only \$40

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Includes 5 hours of Ohio Approved Credit.

Featured Speakers

We are excited to welcome the very best presenters in the country to the Ohio Early Childhood Conference!



Gerry Brooks

Social Media Influencer and
Culture Expert



Michelle Kang

CEO, NAEYC



Mallory Mbalia

Curriculum Developer
& Inspirational Speaker



Lance Reed

Behavior Expert



Pam Perrino

Curriculum Creator
and Inspirational Speaker



Dr. Meghan Salas Atwell

Senior Director, Applied
Research, NAEYC



Kathleen Bryan

Nature-Based Learning
Expert, Professor,
University of Cincinnati



Joe French

Behavior and Joy Expert



Daniel Hains

Managing Director of
Policy and
Professional
Advancement, NAEYC



Amanda Batts

Director, Quality
Assurance and
Assessment Early
Learning Programs,
NAEYC



Susan MacDonald

Leadership Expert



Camille Catlett

Scientist, Professor & Early
Childhood Expert



**Dr. Laurie
Dinnebeil**

Expert on Early
Childhood
Special Education
(ECSE)

*be
happy* ♥

Conscious Discipline Featured Speakers



Rozlyn Grant

Certified Conscious
Discipline Instructor



Tonya Byous

Certified Conscious
Discipline Instructor



Yvonne Watkins

Certified Conscious
Discipline Instructor



Megan Shea-Bates

Certified Conscious
Discipline Instructor



Featured Speakers Continued



The Importance of Play Featured Speakers

Wow!



Rachel Giannini

Content Creator, and
Founder, Show & Tell
Me More



Kisa Marx

Scientist, Professor &
Early Childhood
Expert



Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld

"Queen of Fun"



Ron Mohl

Lead Educational
Presenter at Lakeshore
Learning Materials



Sharron Krull

Play Expert

Music & Movement Featured Speakers



Mister B

Dr. Anthony Broughton
Musician and Educator



Jim Gill

Musician, Author &
Child Development
Specialist



Joanie Calem

Songwriter, and
Disability Awareness
Advocate



Vincent Nunes

Interactive Children's
Music Creator



Ken & Georgia Frawley

Pioneers of Combining
Music, Movement and
ASL



Risa Beth Cohen

Educator,
Singer/Songwriter,
Speaker, and Storyteller



David Kisor

Singer/Songwriter



**Elisa Huss-Hage
and Chuck Hage**

Children's Music
Entertainers

Full list of
150 sessions
will be
released by
early March!





Thanks to our dedicated, and wonderful attendees...

The Ohio Early Childhood Conference has been named as the ***BEST association event in the country!***



By embracing the collective wisdom at the conference, you can return to your program invigorated, equipped with transformative insights and renewed passion.



Join Us at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference!

Ohio AEYC brings educators together in a dynamic, inspiring environment designed for learning, sharing, and growth.

The conference fosters collaboration and creativity, offering a space where early childhood professionals can connect, exchange ideas, and build lasting relationships.



Registration

Before February 15: Discounted Early Bird Rates

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Standard or Premium

1 Day Registration: \$145
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$225

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Entry-Level

1 Day Registration: \$209
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$289

Non-Member

1 Day Registration: \$209
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$289

Before April 1

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Standard or Premium

1 Day Registration: \$155
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$235

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Entry-Level

1 Day Registration: \$225
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$299

Non-Member

1 Day Registration: \$225
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$299

After April 1 - Late Registration

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Standard or Premium

1 Day Registration: \$175
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$255

Ohio AEYC/NAEYC Member: Entry-Level

1 Day Registration: \$245
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$325

Non-Member

1 Day Registration: \$245
2 or 3 Day Registration: \$325

Helpful Tip:

Not a member?
Become a member when you
register and save!

Bring your entire team for an unforgettable experience!

Every 6th Registration **FREE!**

Yes, seriously!



**“Just what
my team
needed!”**

-Conference Attendee

"Before going to the OAEYC conference year, I was contemplating leaving the education field. The conference re-ignited my fire for education and affirmed that I am in the right field. I'm excited to change lives with all the takeaways from the conference!"

-Katie T, Attendee

"The BEST professional development conference I've ever attended!"

-Conference Attendee

"So much fun! The energy is amazing!"

-Olivia G, Attendee

"I was able to bring my staff of 27 this year and it was a fabulous learning and team building experience!"

-Natalie L, Attendee

I've been in the field over 25+ years and the conference is something you have to experience for yourself!! The energy it brings is unbelievable, and it's rejuvenating to be in a space with so many like minded early childhood professionals!"

-Brandy T, Attendee

"Attending the conference was an enriching experience that seamlessly blended insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and moments of inspiration against the backdrop of a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere. It was truly a gathering where ideas converged, connections were forged, and possibilities felt limitless."

-Zandra P, Attendee

"The best 3 days in education!"

-James D., Attendee

"Walked in an exhausted teacher and came out excited to get back in my classroom! The enthusiasm for this profession is contagious"

-Conference Attendee

"Lifechanging in so many ways!"

-Conference Attendee

"You will leave feeling inspired, empowered and ready for a fresh start in the job you love! "

-Lauren L, Attendee

" We laughed, We cried, We learned "

-Heather S, Attendee

"It's a one stop shop! Our center becomes inspired, team builds, and gets in professional development hours all in one weekend!"

-Conference Attendee

The conference is always amazing and I look forward to it every year. I went once in 2007 when sent by my employer. Then started going every year on my own since around 2013. I haven't missed a conference since, because it truly is the best experience!

-Conference Attendee

"The conference is our annual 'professional development time' as a team and we love being able to socialize outside of work as well!"

-Conference Attendee

"We will be back for all three days in 2025!"

-Shawna D, Attendee

"It felt like a party for educators! It was a great fun learning experience!"

-Conference Attendee



"We left with full hearts and minds!"

-Emma s, Attendee



Schedule

Wednesday April 23

Registration
6:00pm-8:00pm

Thursday April 24

Registration
7:00am-5:00pm

Leadership Retreat
8:30am-5:00pm

Breakout Session #1
8:00am-10:00am
8:30am-9:30am
8:30am-10:00am

Exhibit Hall
10:00am-5:00pm

Keynote: Dr. Becky Bailey
10:45am-11:45am

Lunch On Own/Exhibits
11:45am-1:00pm

Breakout Session #2
1:00pm-2:00pm
1:00pm-2:30pm

Breakout Session #3
3:00pm-4:30pm
3:00pm-5:00pm
3:00pm-6:00pm

Bonus Sessions
5:00pm-6:00pm
5:00pm-6:30pm

**A Magical Night with
Comedy Magician
Michael Kent**
7:00pm
\$15
7.5 Possible Credit Hours

Friday April 25

Registration
7:00am-5:00pm

Breakout Session #1
8:30am-9:30am
8:30am-10:00am

Exhibit Hall
8:00am-5:00pm

Keynote: Gerry Brooks
10:45am-11:45am

Lunch On Own/Exhibits
11:45am-1:00pm

Breakout Session #2
1:00pm-2:00pm
1:00pm-2:30pm

Breakout Session #3
3:00pm-4:00pm
3:00pm-4:30pm
3:00pm-5:00pm
3:00pm-5:30pm
3:00pm-6:00pm

Bonus Session
5:00pm-6:00pm
5:00pm-6:30pm

**Night of a Thousand
Laughs: A Comedy
Show for Early Childhood
Educators**
7:00pm
\$15

Party! A Night of Fun
(Karaoke with a live
band, Dancing, Cash
Bar, Prizes)
FREE
8:00pm-10:30pm
8 Possible Credit Hours

Saturday April 26

Registration
7:00am-5:00pm

Breakout Session #1
8:00am-10:00am
8:30am-9:30am
8:30am-10:00am

Exhibit Hall
9:30am-1:00pm

Keynote: Ant Toombs
10:45am-11:45am

Lunch On Own/Exhibits
11:45am-1:00pm

Breakout Session #2
1:00pm-2:30pm
1:00pm-3:00pm

Breakout Session #3
3:00pm-4:00pm
3:00pm-4:30pm
6 Possible Credit Hours

*You'
Got
This!*

**Total
Possible
Ohio Approved
Hours: 21+**

More info on credit,
including Ohio Approved,
College and DODD credit, visit:
www.oaeyc.org/professional-credit

Kalahari + Hotels

Learn, Relax, & Enhance Your Skills For The Children You Serve!

All meetings and events will take place at:

Kalahari Resort & Convention Center

700 Kalahari Drive

Sandusky, OH 44870

Bring your family and friends to Kalahari!

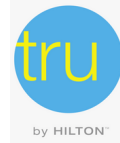
Join us at the beautiful and fun Kalahari Resort, home of America's largest indoor waterpark!

- Free Parking
- Free Wi-Fi
- Limited Discounted Water Park Passes will be available!

Visit the travel page of our website for other discounted hotel rates!



SAWMILL CREEK
BY CEDAR POINT RESORTS



www.oaeyc.org/travel--hotel

Exhibit Hall

Be sure to set aside time to visit more than 50 friendly and helpful exhibitors offering useful tools and resources to help implement the new skills you will learn at the conference!

- Check out the latest learning materials
 - Build your professional library
 - Visit the photo booth
 - Network with the nation's leading educational consultants
 - Relax in the Ohio AEYC Booth
- and more!*



Play the hunt game for your chance to win \$\$\$\$

www.oaeyc.org/conference

Special Event



A Magical Evening With Michael Kent

Comedian. Magician. Smart@\$\$.

Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 7:00PM

Tickets Only \$15!

Hurry, Space Is Limited!



Special Event



A Night of Laughter

HAHA!

A Hilarious Evening for
Early Childhood Educators

Friday, April 25, 2025 | 7:00PM

Tickets Only \$15!

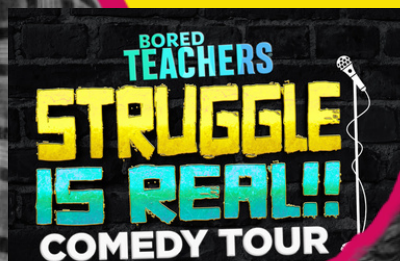
Hurry, Space Is Limited!

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James Yon*



*Featuring
Social Media Sensation
Devin Siebold*

As seen on



DRYBAR
comedy

Proudly Sponsored By



*With Special Guest
Andrea Caspari*



FREE!



A Night of Fun:
A Benefit for the Mimi Brodsky Chenfeld Scholarship Fund

Karaoke with live band
Dancing
Cash Bar
Lots of Prizes!
Tons of FUN!



Friday, April 25th
8:00PM-10:30PM

Hosted by John French!

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Special Conference Tracks

The conference features over 50 topic areas plus entire topic tracks!

Tracks are dedicated topics presented throughout the conference in great detail.

Conscious Discipline & Challenging Behaviors



Language & Literacy

Self-Care & Mental Health



Leadership & Professionalism

Learning Through Play



Music & Movement

Inclusion



Infant & Toddler

And much more!

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Kalahari Resort

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